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INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-02 EB-07 OFA-01 SCA-01 H-02 INR-07

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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO PRIORITY

INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOL, EFIS, PLOS, EC, US

SUBJECT: TUNA CLIPPER SEIZURES: NEPTUNE INCIDENT

REF: GUAYAQUIL 434

1. WHILE IN THE DEPARTMENT ON OTHER BUSINESS, AMBASSADOR  
CARDENAS CALLED ON ARA-EP TO DISCUSS QUOTE AFTERMATH  
UNQUOTE OF NEPTUNE INCIDENT.

2. AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED THAT REPORTS FROM U.S.  
CONSULAR OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE INDICATED THAT EXCESSIVE  
FORCE WAS EMPLOYED TO SUBDUE RECALCITRANT NEPTUNE CREW-  
MEN AND THAT CAPT. BURICH HAS DEPOSITED LETTER WITH  
NAVAL ZONE COMDR PROTESTING ALLEGED LOOTING OF VESSEL  
AFTER MEN WERE TAKEN ASHORE. DEPTOFFS TOOK FIRM POSI-  
TION OUTLINING NEED FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIR BY  
ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES AND RESTITUTION OF EFFECTS  
TAKEN.

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3. AMB CARDENAS INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION IN LAUNCHING AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION OF BOTH EC NAVY OVERREACTIONS OF MARCH 6 AND SUBSEQUENT PILFERAGE.

4. AMB CARDENAS WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES IN REACITON TO DISPUTE, INCLUDING EXPECTED SPEECH BY REP. SULLIVAN ON HOUSE FLOOR TOMORROW CALLING FOR ELIMINATION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY UNDER FPA AND APPEARANCE OF CAPT. BURICH BEFORE LEGGETT SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE MARCH 14.

5. FYI. INDUSTRY REPS TOLD US EARLIER THAT BURICH WILL BE FLOWN TO WASHINGTON FROM PANAMA TO TESTIFY RE EVENTS OF MARCH 6. INGERSOLL

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